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China Peace Talks To Start

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Large-Scale Fighting Is Over Says Red General

Nanking, Mar. 3.—Large-scale war in China was over, the North Shensi Communist Radio said last night, quoting the Communist North China commander, General Lin Piao. Addressing what the Radio called the "visiting democratic personages" in Peiping, General Lin Piao said the swiftness of the defeat of the Nationalist forces, both in North China and on the Central Front, was beyond the Communist expectations, the Radio reported. General Lin Piao was said to have claimed that the Kuminang armies were smashed and could not organize a strategic line of defence south of the Yangtze. Further large-scale fighting on a nationwide scale was therefore impossible. He claimed the Chinese Communist Party would realise a genuine peace for which the people had demanded, not a peace with a Yangtze river boundary.—Reuter.

Before End Of March

PEIPING MAY BE VENUE

Nanking, Mar. 2.—It was learned reliably today that the Chinese Communist boss, Mao Tse-tung, informed Acting President Li Tsung-jen that the Communists will announce their peace delegates on or about March 15 and negotiations will take place either in Peiping or Shih hi-chuang, southwest of there, at an unspecified date.

This information was said to be contained in Mao's personal letter to Li brought by the unofficial Shanghai peace delegation which returned last week from Peiping.

It was conjectured here that talks might start between the 15th and the end of the month probably in Peiping.

Sources said that Mao's letter was very polite but disclosed no details.

President Li Tsung-jen, Premier Sun Fo and other officials continued busy discussions on concrete measures of getting talks under way.—United Press.

PAVING THE WAY

Shanghai, March 3.—The Chinese Communists have quietly removed one—possibly two—of the biggest stumbling blocks in the way of negotiated peace.

First, they have announced the liquidation of Nationalist troops in the Peiping area along the classic Chinese lines and publicly called it a pattern for the entire nation.

Second, they have not denied widespread reports in Nanking that they are tussling up on the war criminal demands.

Ever since Chairman Mao Tse-tung announced his famous eight-point peace programme in January, the Chinese have said these two points were supremely important if negotiations were ever to get anywhere. They said troop reorganisation was by far the most important and treatment of war criminals a flexible bargaining point intentionally placed there so concessions could be made later.

The other six points, said the Chinese, never have been seriously challenged by most Nationalist leaders who recognise they must give in the most due to their lack of bargaining power.

HINT TO CHIANG

Since the W. W. Yen-peace mission returned from Peiping, it has been widely reported that the Communists told him they are willing to forego most of the war criminals they named—except the four great families—Chiang, Kung, Soong and Chen. These reports were followed by others—also unconfirmed—that various figures have been trying to persuade Chiang Kai-shek to "take a trip abroad," which is the latest Chinese way of avoiding unpleasant things like the execution of public figures who've once led the nation.

His brothers-in-law, H. H. Kung and T. V. Soong already are out of the country—in America and Hongkong respectively. The famous Chen brothers are still in China. Chen Chen-fu is ill in Formosa while Chen Li-fu was last seen in Canton trying to help Premier Sun Fo resist the effort of acting President Li Tsung-jen to return the government to Nanking.

However, the Chinese consider it would be a simple matter to get them out of the country if they and the Generalissimo, at Fenghuwa, could be convinced there is no hope if they stay.

Far more important from the standpoint of Li Tsung-jen and other active Nationalist leaders, say the Chinese, is the question of reorganisation of troops.

Generally, troops only mean power in China. They mean control. If disciplined, they mean peace. If not too numerous, they mean stability. If absorbed by victorious forces, they mean a horde of jobless ex-soldiers will not be loosed on the countryside. If the officers are treated "mercifully," there is not so much danger of counter-revolution later.

The disposal of Nationalist troops around Peiping appears to be along such lines, according to the North Shensi Communist Radio. The agreement signed by Fu Tso-yi, Nationalist Commander, places the bulk and file of his troops into the Red Army. His officers can stay at the same salary and other conditions as ordinary Red officers. If they want to go home, they can. The Reds will pay their travel expenses. When they get home, if they are landholders, their land will be divided no more than any other. In short, it wasn't a crime to fight the Red army and no Nationalist officer is going to be punished for it under the Peiping settlement, it appears.

Such officers "have set an example of peaceful settlement to the whole country," declared Tao Chu, Red political officer who helped draw up the plan. "That is why the People's Liberation Army accord them preferential treatment," he concluded.—Associated Press.



Bomber Girdles The World In Four Days

Fort Worth, Texas, Mar. 2.—Strict secrecy veiled the history-making nonstop round-the-world flight which ended here today of a United States B-50 bomber. Not a word was made public until the bomber landed. Air Force officials said the secrecy was designed in part to test their own security efficiency.

The bomber, a modernised version of the B-29 Superfortress, but termed a "medium bomber" in relation to the vast B-36 which is now the chief United States "heavy" bomber, landed here today, carrying fuel for seven hours, 30 minutes more flying.

The Air Force announced that the operation would be repeated regularly.

The United States Air Secretary, Mr. Stuart Symington, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, the Air Force Chief of Staff, and other high officials were present at the landing.

The 14 crew members stepped out obviously tired. They had worked in shifts as they flew endlessly over four continents.

Mr. Stuart Symington said: "It is an epochal step in the development of air power."

'94' HOURS FLYING

The unofficial elapsed time for the trip was 94 hours, one minute. The bomber's average speed was 239 miles an hour. The plane left Fort Worth at 3.22 p.m. EAST last Saturday, together with part of the Eighth Air Force and headed eastwards for the Azores.

The flight had started the day before but was cancelled when one engine caught fire. At the end of the first 3,853-mile leg, over the Azores, the first string of "flying tankers"—specially converted B-29s—rose to meet the plane.

By Sunday, the bomber, described as being fully "combat equipped," was flying high over Gibraltar, across North Africa to Khartoum, to Dhahran, in the Saudi Arabian Desert, where another mid-air refuelling took place.

Its four 3,500-horse power motors purred steadily, the bomber aimed next across the heart of India, skimming the southern tip of Burma and went on across French Indo-China to the Philippines.

TRICKY OPERATION

Here again it took on another fuel load, through pipes dangled from the Superfortress tankers—and here the tricky operation was the most important of all since the longest leg of the flight—5,500 kilometres across the empty Pacific to Hawaii—lay before them. There was no hitch.

The refuelling operation was repeated for the fourth and last time over the Hawaii Islands late yesterday—and they drove straight in towards the American mainland.

The last leg of the journey to Fort Worth was 6,000 kilometres, bringing the total distance covered to approximately 23,000 miles.

Air Force officials regarded the feat as a concrete illustration of their ability to bombard any point on the earth from the bases already available to the United States Air Force.

Fighting to prevent the showing of the British motion picture "Oliver Twist," Polish Jews battle German police outside theatre in British sector of Berlin. They contended the film character of Fagin, teaching small boys to steal, was anti-Semitic. Picture was not shown.—AP Picture.

STOP PRESS

No Dairy Farm Strike

Settlement Made

The conference between officials of the Dairy Farm and the workers' representatives, which ended at 1.25 p.m., resulted in a settlement of the dispute.

The terms of settlement are:

The Dairy Farm Chinese Workers' Association will put up the bonds for the three workers now in police custody.

As soon as this is done, the Company will reinstate these three men, also the one who was discharged by the magistrate.

The foreman in the case, To Choy, will be transferred to the Dairy Farm's Sassoon Unit.

MANAGEMENT & DELEGATES MEET

An hour-long meeting between the Dairy Farm management and delegates of the Dairy Farm Workers Association this morning to discuss the threatened strike was followed by a stormy meeting among the workers' representatives, which was still continuing at 1 o'clock.

It was understood that pending conclusion of these discussions, the ultimatum presented to the management yesterday and which expired at noon today was suspended.

At this morning's parleys, called by the Board of Directors, Dr. the Hon. S. N. Chau, one of the directors, explained to the men the circumstances which led to the present agitation by the Association, in which they demand payment by the company of surpluses on behalf of three employees convicted of intimidation by the court, and reinstatement of the men; dismissal of the foreman involved in the dispute which led to the men's arrest; and an assurance that there would be no repetition of such incidents.

NOT FULLY KNOWN

Thought advisable that the facts of the case should be fully known to all members of the Dairy Farm staff before they took the drastic step of going out on strike.

It had come to the management's notice that many employees were unaware of the details of the disturbance at Pokfulam farm three weeks ago which led up to the present discontent.

After Dr. Chau had presented the men's delegates with the full facts, and had answered questions, the workers' representatives adjourned to conduct their own meeting.

The Dairy Farm directors also held a short meeting in another room.

NAVY FLYER HONOURED

London, Mar. 2.—Lieutenant Commander Eric Melrose Brown, who recently lapped a jet fighter fitted with skill on an aircraft carrier, has been awarded the Boy Trophy for the year's finest naval aviation feat.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Acute Burma Situation

THE seriousness of the situation in Burma has been sharply brought home by the convening this week of a Commonwealth conference in New Delhi to consider how peace can be brought to that ravaged and unsettled country. The conference follows an appeal by the Burmese Government to Britain for aid. The United Kingdom rightly considered that other Commonwealth countries affected should be invited to take part in the discussions; hence the New Delhi meeting over which Mr. Nehru is presiding. Malaya, India and Ceylon have a peculiarly acute interest in Burma's future since it is to those three countries that the bulk of Burma's exportable surplus of rice is sent. And no conference of financing Burma's rice exports and general financial difficulties would be realistic if it did not take note of the internal strife which has now been raging for almost the entire period of the country's independence. It is to the mutual interest of all the participants in the New Delhi talks that Burma as quickly as possible becomes a united, peaceful and prosperous nation, for continuation of the fighting in Burma must interfere with the favourable estimates of rice production recently made public. Rapid expansion of that exportable surplus to pre-war quantities and, beyond for the benefit of the whole of Southeast Asia demands more than the mere cessation of hostilities; it requires restoration of the transport systems, sound administration, the combined efforts of all the peoples of the Burma Union, and balanced economy on sound lines. These are the objects which the New

Delhi conference is considering. The delegates have intimated that they are not concerned with Burmese internal disputes except in so far as their settlement is essential to wider aspects of the programme before the conference. Terms of agreement between the Karens and the Burma Union, for example, must be a matter for the two parties, but in its first communique, the conference did suggest that settlement of the dispute depended largely on conciliation. While that is basically true, it may be necessary eventually to offer mediation, for, with the present temper of both sides prospects of conciliation appear rather forlorn. For the time being the only concern of the Commonwealth countries in the struggle between the Karens and the Burma Government is humanitarian and economic, and for the moment this may be perfectly correct. But it has to be admitted that the collapse of Burma's economy and the disappearance of Burma rice from world trade would automatically throw a still greater burden on overstrained supplies from other sources. The rice available for any of the rice-eating area would shrink and a higher demand for those other cereals which, for want of rice, so many countries have had to use in increased measure as a substitute, would naturally follow. Thus it may be the New Delhi conference will find it necessary to make stronger suggestions than conciliation and propose to the Karens and the Government that its delegates be permitted to act as peacemakers, finding a settlement to the dispute through the medium of compromise.

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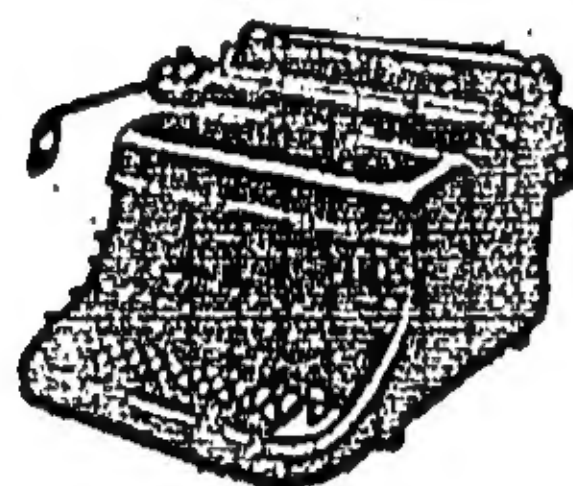
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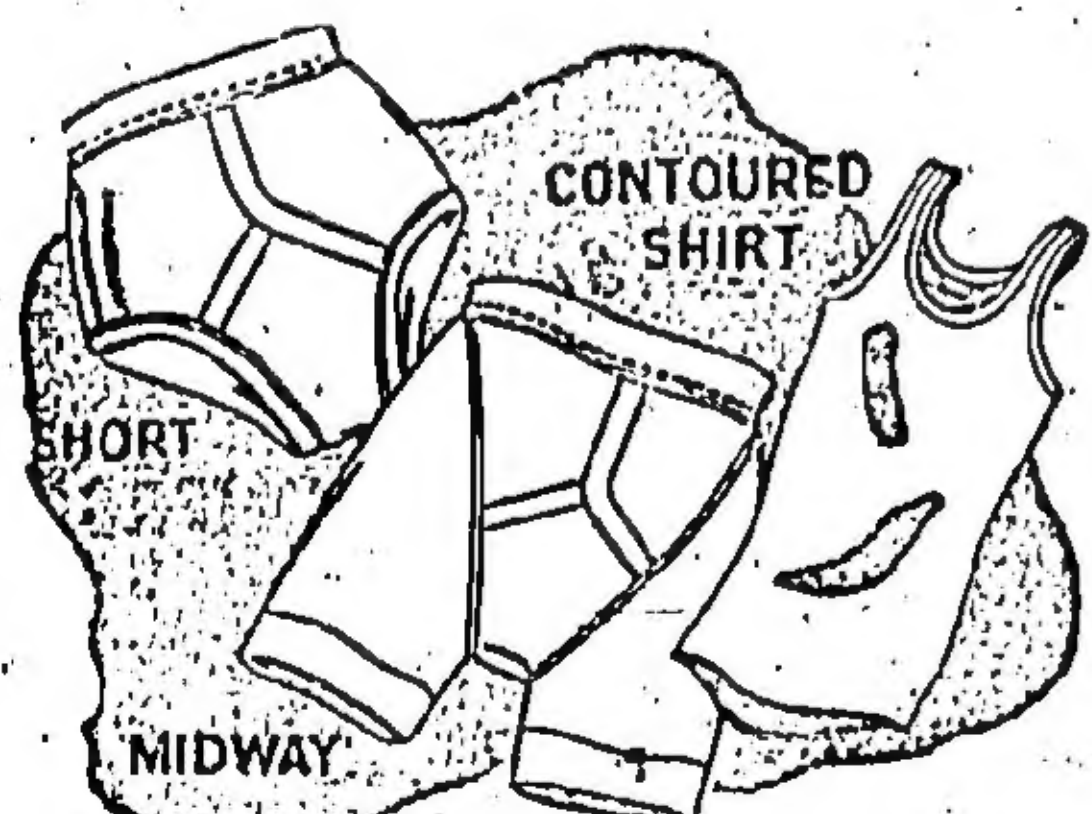
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REPORT FROM THE DRESS SHOWS ON YOUR SPRING CLOTHES

The Paris Silhouette Is Slimmer, Hem-line Higher

By EILEEN ASCROFT

Ashtrays And Pictures In Ceramic Tiles

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK
A HOSTESS who reaches up and lifts down a picture from the wall when she needs a spare ashtray is bound to get a few startled looks. Yet one New York gift shop is selling hand-painted tile squares with deep frames of copper to use either as pictures or ashtrays. The original paintings are covered with a heavy coat of burn-proof shellac. "These are coming into their own in home decoration," said Yvette Klein, one of the partners in the gift shop. "We're having them made up to use in every room of the house."

Gaily painted tiles are one of the reasons tile production has tripled in the last three years. For as little as five U.S. dollars you can buy an original hand-painted tile. With a felt backing, the squares make wonderful hot plate holders. But the same square can be hung on the wall as a picture by adding a hook to the felt back.

One shop mounts 12 tile squares in a black frame to use as the top for a cocktail table. The tiles can have a similar design or individual patterns.

Wide Range of Art

These new versions of an ancient material have little to recall the plain white squares used in the kitchen and bath. American artists have decorated them with everything from flower paintings to abstract designs.

They are set into a leather lamp base or into copper bookends. One shop mounts three tiles and frames them to make one rectangular picture.

For those who don't care about possessing an original painting on their tiles, designs are put on with a silk screening process to sell for as little as one dollar.

It has taken a few thousand years to turn ceramic tiles, used by ancient Egyptian kings, into imaginative and versatile home decoration. But they have finally done it. Ashtrays and hot plate holders that double as pictures would surprise even the Egyptians.

Rare Event—Cow Produces Triplets

HAYS, Kan.—A 1-in-100,000 event occurred at the Tom Brull farm.

A 10-year-old milking short-horn cow gave birth to triplet calves. The first calf was born alive, the others were dead. A veterinarian said the chances of a cow having triplets were one in 300,000, of any of the calves being born alive one in 400,000, and of all of the triplet being alive almost unheard of. Brull said the cow had produced twins in 1940 and 1947.

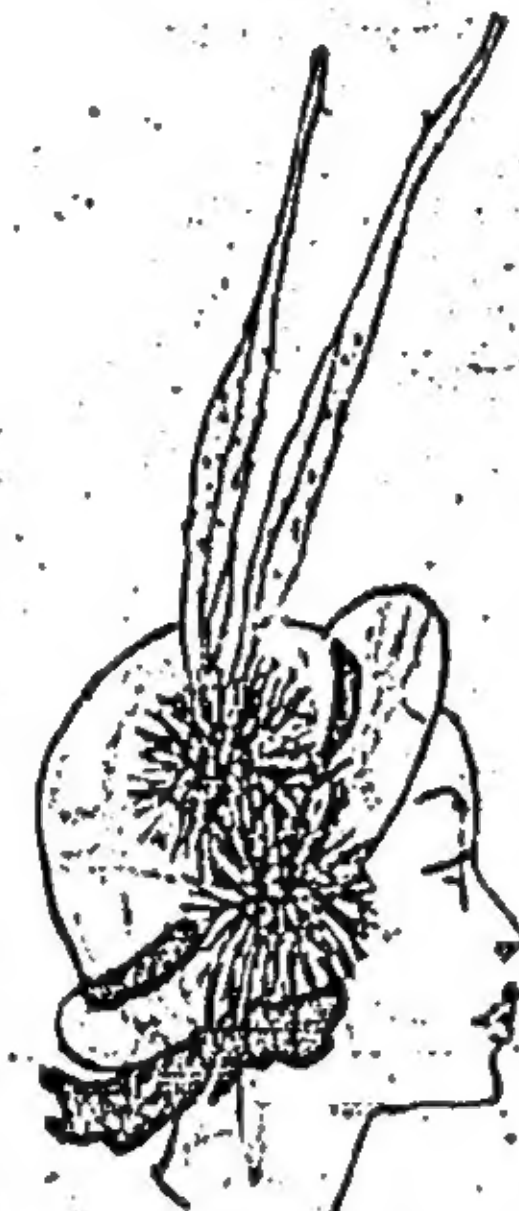


Still Eddy models this new strapless evening gown at the San Francisco fashion show. The champagne tulle is appliqued with black lace, and has a matching stole.

THE new Paris silhouette for spring and summer will be basically slim with side drapes, sloping shoulders (slightly padded), bat's wing bodices tapering to three-quarter length sleeves and cuffs, high choker neck-lines or soft rolled revers, with dipping hemlines, and all fullness to the back.

Gone are the full ballerina skirts and the ultra décolletage.

Most important new feature in the Jean Dessé's show today is the attached stole.



Paris looks forward to spring. The hat above, by Maud de Nono, is covered with tulle, trimmed with two red pom-poms and two knife feathers. Below is a pink tulle sailor hat covered with pale blue violets, by Paulette.



Health-Sound Effective Pointers For Reducing

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

WHEN it comes to health, more people seem to be interested in overweight than in any other health subject. It is interesting to note that people who are overweight usually think that their difficulty is due to some type of glandular disturbance, but careful studies of large groups of overweight individuals show that in very few instances is the difficulty due to anything other than overeating.

It is true that overweight may result from some disturbance of the glands of internal secretion, but treatment with gland extract is only helpful when a deficiency of thyroid secretion is present. In such cases, the giving of thyroid extract under the direction of the physician is of benefit.

Metabolism Test

To ascertain whether or not there is a lack of thyroid secretion, a basal metabolism test is helpful. This simple test is carried out by having the patient breathe the amount of oxygen used up in a given period of time. In this way is found the rate at which the chemical activities of the body go on. If this test shows that the thyroid gland is functioning normally, treatment of the overweight individual must be carried out by the use of diet alone.

Dr. Mota M. Kunde suggests a diet which is high in protein and low in fats, starches and sugars for people who are overweight but are otherwise not afflicted with certain disorders that require a high carbohydrate diet. For example, she suggests that servings of meat, fish and fowl, with all fat removed, be given in double the usual amounts. Eggs are eaten twice daily. Uncreamed cottage cheese and kielbasa are used in this diet because these foods are also rich in the proteins needed for rebuilding the body tissues.

Such vegetables as cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, spinach, celery, as-

Last season we saw the loose stole, for the first time in many years. Now it is attached to either shoulder or waist, and in a big loop at the side of the skirt, tucking up into the waistband.

Many are attached to jackets with one deep sleeve, the other side draped into a long scarf.

Bows on the wrist

Heavy fringes and tassels are used to edge these styles. Tulle are used in every style. Suits, frocks, afternoon gowns, cocktail suits and evening gowns and coats.

Often they are in gay checks or stripes on a plain dress, and are matched with gloves which have tiny wrist bows and stiffened cuffs.

The new length is shorter than it has been—14in. for day wear and 12in. for cocktail suits. Some classic suits have a 15in. hemline.

Many evening gowns, too, are short in the front, dipping to the ground at the back.

Three-tier basques

Classic suits have stiffened rounded basques and large stand-away pockets often shaped like tiny wings.

Many basques have two or three tiers. Revers are always softly rolled. Most suits are single-breasted with well defined though not pinched waistlines.

Buttons are nearly always contrasting. I saw none in self material.

Outline for coats is full-skirted, nipped-in at the waist with back fullness or pleats, important pockets and soft-rolled collars. Many dip at the back.

Stiffened lace is used for many skirts over tulle under-skirts.

Tulle over-skirts are popular, too, with stole scarves.

There's no tolerating dirt on these or on any of baby's belongings if he is to be properly protected from the germs that are apt to be present wherever soil exists, even if the dirt is not visible. And there need be no misgivings about tubbing these fleecy coverlets frequently, provided they go into the wash tub often so that the soil cannot get a chance to sink so deep that there must be strong-arm methods to remove it.

Strong Fabric

Although wool is one of the strongest of all fabrics, it is sensitive when wet and needs a particularly gentle touch as well as protection against temperature extremes. Once this is realized, washing woollens is easy.

Make as short work as possible of the washing. Use lukewarm water of even temperature throughout, keep the suds so thick that the bubbles readily attach themselves to the dirt and float it away. If there are obnoxious patches that refuse to succumb to one sudsing, just use two or more fresh suds baths, always of the same even lukewarm temperature.

A triple rinse follows the sudsing. Use gentle pressure to remove excess water.

For drying, the blankets are placed on a line indoors away from open windows or hot stoves or radiators. Occasionally reversing their position when the dripping has stopped will help to prevent the blankets from sagging and will foster even drying on both sides.

What Women Would Like Men To Wear

NORMAN, Okla.
WOMEN TESTED fashions for men are the last stitch at the University of Oklahoma. The university's first male fashion show, sponsored by a campus art group, was a success from the top of a sequined beret to the bottom of a male rose-satin robe.

The biggest hit of the show was a tunic for men. The tunic is a scarf-like which merely slips under the collar and is fastened to small hooks on either side.

Another handsome item was a combination of black vest and coat with checked trousers for semi-formal evening wear.

And the women voted solid for sequined ties and berets and polka-dotted suspenders and garters. A one-piece suit to take the place of traditional slacks and shirts aroused negative emotions among males in the audience.

A special collection on the theme of "colour to bring out the best and best in men" displayed a Picasso pink sweater with a plunging neckline and a cloth-of-gold sports shirt with three-quarter sleeves.

The rose robe—coloured after the American beauty—was lined with gray satin and matched with pajamas of the same material.

Every Girl Should Use Cosmetics



Help oily skin to hold make-up and flatter dry or normal skin by using vanishing cream as a foundation.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SOME beauties are born, but many of them create their loveliness. They achieve by artifice what the fairy godmother did not give them. For what cosmetic chemists have devised and compounded, the entire sisterhood should cheer. Do you know that your great-grandmother took the shine off her nose by applying a little corn starch? While she did it she kept out a weather eye lest her husband should catch her at this disgraceful performance. As for rouge? The painted lady was a social outcast.

The free use of tissue-nourishing creams have held wrinkles at bay. A well-lubricated skin surface does not dry out and the friction necessary for the application of cosmetics tends to exercise the delicate tissues and underlying fibres. Whenever you do your beauty home work, you exercise your face. In the morning facial operators nowadays are supposed to have special training in the art of make-up, will pass along ideas to the cash customer. They will teach her how to apply eye shadows, how to use the eyebrow crayon or mascara, how to brush her eyelashes with mineral oil and give them a curly up-tilt.

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A GOOD WAY TO USE UP STALE BREAD

"WHAT kind of bread dough the outer crusts, then with the forefinger pull gently to remove all parts unfit for food. This method leaves the rest, which is a delicacy. Inside the fish. Rinse thoroughly with cold water inside and out. Then dip in milk; roll in flour or fine cornmeal seasoned with salt and pepper. Melt and heat enough fat in a heavy frying pan to barely cover the bottom. Fry the fish in this until golden brown, first on one side then the other.

"It is the same all the wheat used by my friend, the Armenian chef, to serve with meat," observed the Chef. "This savoury cooked cracked wheat is called a pilau. He cooks it in meat-stock in a double boiler for a long time, about 3 hrs. The cracked wheat swells up very much; so he uses only 1 cup of the cracked wheat to six cups of well-seasoned meat stock. When it is all done, he fries a little onion in butter, adds some coarse white bread crumbs, fries them until yellow and sprinkles over the pilau."

"In France we are a great bread eating nation," the Chef continued. "We don't have much butter, but we make plenty of gravy in which to dip the bread. Is that considered a faux pas in this country?" "Not unless you polish the plate with it."

The Chef laughed. "In France we make what we call the 'pain perdu,' which actually means 'lost bread,' or 'bread that is stale.' It is not really lost that bread, ah, non! We make it into French toast and serve it with preserves for dessert."

"That would be good when the weather gets cooler," I said. "But now let's make a fruit dessert from stale bread that will taste just as good. You know how good crisp, hot buttered toast tastes with apple sauce, or stewed plums? Well, let's make a fruit 'toast cake,' with slices of hot buttered toast put together with peaches like a shortcake."

Dinner
Mixed Garden Salad
Whole Wheat Biscuits
Fried Pan Fish Catsup Sauce
Spanish Rice Lemoned Carrots
Peach Toast Cake with Top Cream

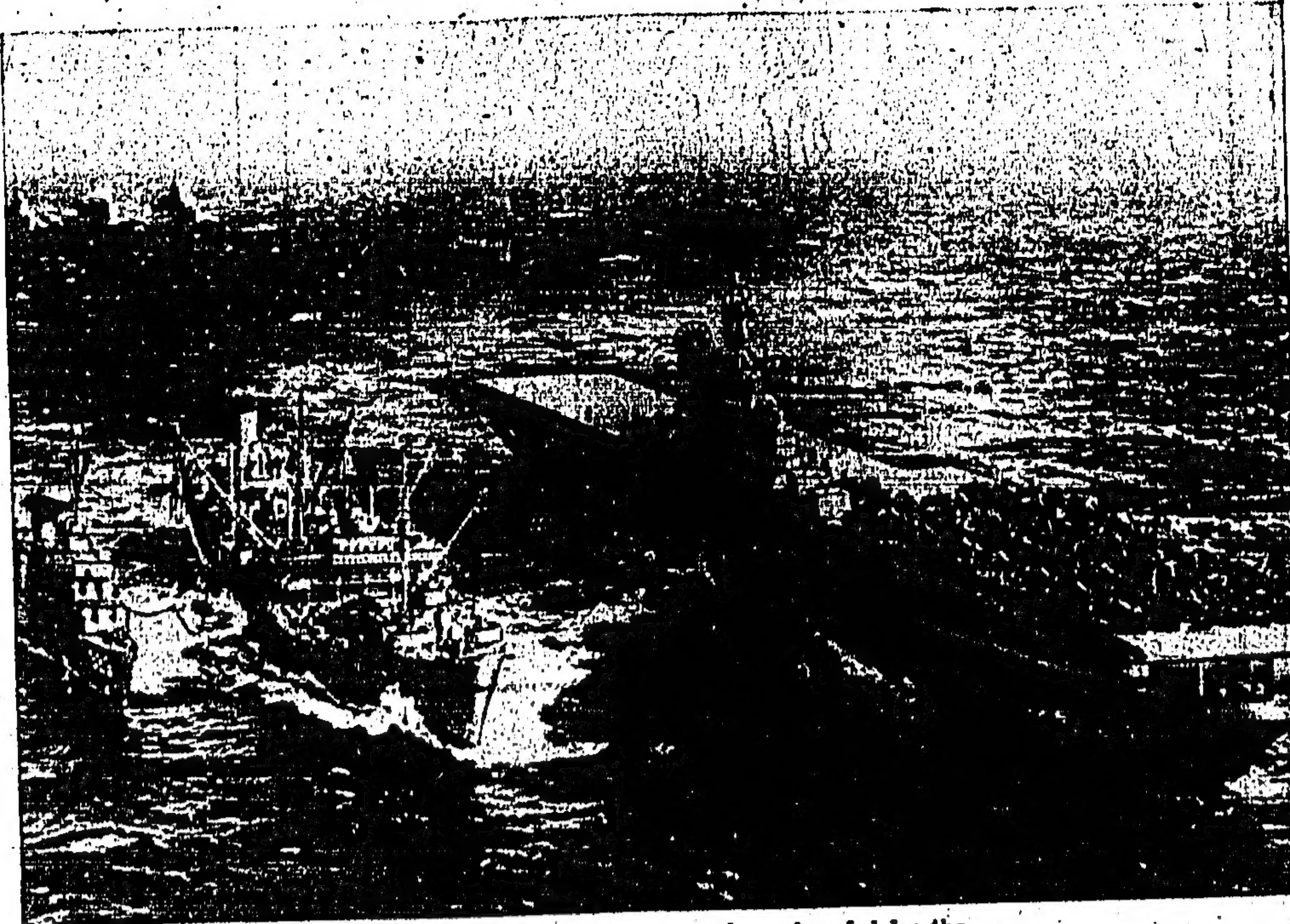
Fried Pan Fish
Use small fish, such as but-
ter fish, large smelts, brook
trout, herring, perch, sandbars,
lemon juice. Heat.

Trick of the Chef
To make catsup sauce, men-
sure 1/2 c. tomato catsup into a
small sauce pan. Add 2 tsp.
butter or margarine, 1 tsp.
prepared mustard and 1 tsp.
lemon juice. Heat.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



FIGURE OF FUN—Shirley Cane, popular Canadian skier, sits on the lap of an ice man—one of the many ice statues placed along the main street in Banff, Alberta, to celebrate that city's 31st annual winter carnival.



REFUELLING AT SEA—The destroyer, USS Roberts, is here dwarfed by the tanker, USS Caloosahatchee, which in turn seems small compared to the carrier, USS Leyte. This refuelling technique was developed before World War II and made it possible for ships to operate over long periods, and penetrate more deeply into enemy-held waters.



FASHIONS FOR 50 BELOW—In northern Manitoba, a furlined parka is not only practical but necessary. The intricate beading is the work of Canadian Eskimos who have learned to be colourful in their continued battle against the cold.



HARD TO CHOOSE—One of these lovelies will be chosen as "Miss Photoflash" by the Chicago Press Photographers' Association. The winner will be queen of their annual ball.



FAMILY EXHIBITION—Pat Sullivan, Michigan State College wrestler, shows his sons, Ricky and Wayne, what it's all about. The youngsters appear likely to follow their dad's footsteps some time in the '60s—if they can keep it up.



MERGED MOTIFS—Lyba Malina, Mexican actress, in a Hollywood-styled bathing suit. But she's also donned a sombrero out of allegiance to her native land.



WAR REMINDER—This gigantic crater was made by a bomb dropped on London during the blitz. The rubble is now being cleared away and new laboratories will be constructed deep below street level for the use of King's College.



SOUP KITCHEN—Chinese coolies in Shanghai load tubs with rice soup for distribution to the thousands of war refugees who are crowding the city. There are 20 such soup stations, erected for the emergency, and each serves soup twice daily.



DAYTIME DESIGN—Clever handling of stripes in this London modelled daytime dress gives it sophistication. A mixture of horizontal and vertical stripes accents the square neck and flattering dirndl skirt.



POW EXCHANGE—In Jerusalem, stretcher cases are transferred from Arab vehicles to Israeli ambulances in an exchange of wounded prisoners of war. Held for nine months, the casualties were exchanged by an agreement between the two army commanders.

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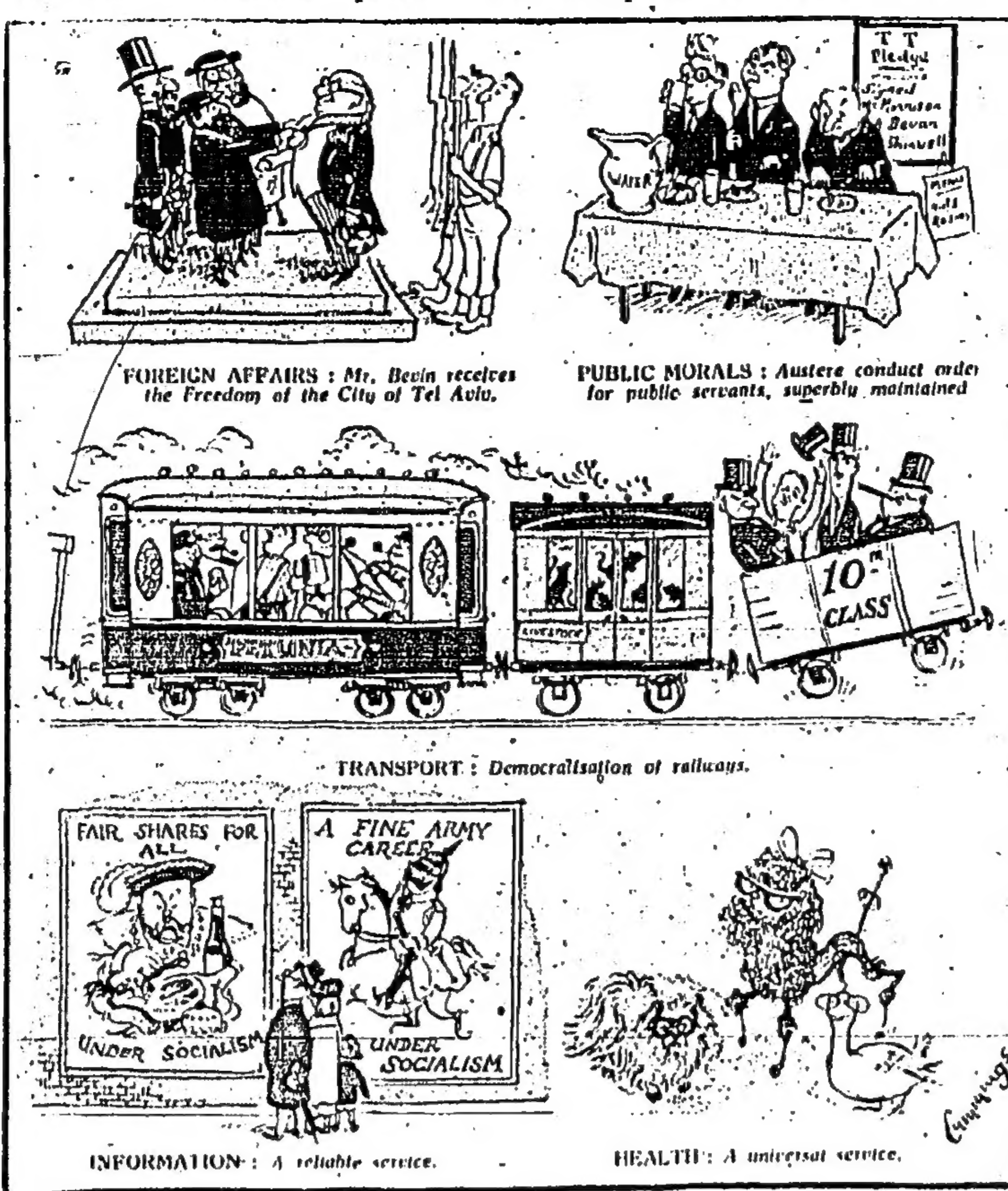
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CUMMINGS, being disgusted with the unfair attacks on the Labour Government by the Tory Press, gives his own unbiased picture of the political scene



Five tough men who froze for a year

by John Prebble

"Governor Falkland Islands to Colonial Office, London: BISCOE ARRIVED, CLEARED BASE D FEBRUARY 4, PARTY ALL WELL."

FIVE men have come back from the last frontier of the world. The peninsula of Graham Land curls round the Weddell Sea like a enarled arm, of which Hope Bay is the hand. It is a hard white, still heavily, had these five men for fingers, making men's maps on Antarctica.

Members of the British Antarctic Survey, marooned for months at Base D, and now rescued by the relief ship John Biscoe, their names should be remembered:

Captain F. K. Elliott, the leader; Doctor W. J. L. Sladen, medical officer; B. Jefford, surveyor; John O'Hare, radio operator; and the dog-team driver, S. McNeile.

A simple duty

When Elliott's little band, even it was then, was landed at Hope Bay over a year ago, it had a simple duty—to make meteorological reports, weather surveys, expeditions into the interior.

They recorded wind strengths and direction, the humidity of the climate. Day after day they observed and noted the quick, and terrible movements of black sea and white ice.

Four times a day their radio was in contact with Port Stanley in the Falklands.

Sometimes the curtain dropped down and broke contact. Then they were as truly alone as Scott had been.

There were no ships to bring them letters, but unless the curtain had fallen a telegram, sent from the base at night, would be on a relative's table in England the next day.

Toughest at 45

Elliott and his men found, like others who had been at Hope Bay before them, that any man between 20 and 50 can live the life down there and like it.

If anything, up to 45 the older men seem the toughest. And toughness was needed, toughness of spirit and body.

On staid, trips into the interior, blizzards hit Elliott's men suddenly and ruthlessly. Men and tents were nailed to the ice for as much as two

During winter months, when darkness and cold hampered activity, there was always work indoors. Sledge harness had to be made or repaired, reports filled in, the instruments maintained.

When the routine settled down, Elliott and his men found time for relaxation.

The great, undefeatable roar of man tins quietly to reading when it is isolated. Even on the hard sledging parties men took books with them.

In the summer thousands of penguins came to Hope Bay, like a human colony in fantastic evening dress.

The party lived, against a blinding landscape which was sometimes white, but more often a palette of pastel shades.

Sunless Days

The sunless days were grey, the lichen on the exposed rocks black, orange, and green. A silence all there was silence. Above all there was silence. For being alone in it.

And when it was broken it was by the shaking roar of the ice-face, carving into the sea.

One day last November fire destroyed the hut. In the flames died Lieutenant Oliver Burd, meteorologist, and his assistant, Michael Green.

They lie in the southern ice which lies Scott and Shackleton.

By the end of last year conditions at Hope Bay grew serious.

Fuel was running low. Their radio told them that relief was on the way. They waited for it patiently, living in the tents that were their only habitation now the hut had gone.

Four days' gale

Six times the radio told them that the John Biscoe had failed to pass the Bransfield Straits. Then, as it lay close-anchored at Deception Island, in the South Shetlands, a four days' gale blew the pack-ice away to the north. In the straits lay an indigo channel of clear water.

The John Biscoe went through and, as the sea-ice began to form in the bay, it dropped anchor and took off the five men.

Boatloads of excited dogs went shipwards. Birdcages and huskies were tied from prow to stern of the Biscoe.

The last to be seen of the deserted outpost were the slender stems of the radio masts, the chimney-stack of the burnt-out hut, and, high on Meteorological Hill, two lonely crosses.

On the graves they marked were left wreaths of evergreen.

THE BRITISH FILM INDUSTRY FACES A CRISIS

LONDON.
By **CHARLES WINTOUR**

V-YING for front-page space with the Cold War and Budget estimates is the British film industry. Each day some new item of gloom splashes its way into the headlines. Studios close down! Film workers sacked!

But do all these gloomy exclamations mark the doom of the British cinema? No. They do not.

Despite all the shaking heads in Writcham Street, you can rest assured that the industry is not a moribund nation of Larkwoods, Cranagers, Simmonses et al for a long time to come.

For in the first place the film industry is financially in the very big business class. Its gross annual receipts are about £1,000,000, and the entertainment tax alone yields £200,000,000. No Government is likely to allow such a lucrative source of revenue to evaporate.

In the second place, the continued existence of the British film industry has now become a matter of national pride.

Artistic Prestige

WHATEVER we may think of the many dubious films churned out by our studios there is little doubt that pictures like "Hervey V.", "Hamlet", "Great Expectations" and others have brought this country artistic prestige which cannot be measured in terms of dollars or pounds alone.

Any refund in the industry of the present tax would merely mean that an indirect method has been found of raising the cost to the public of cinema entertainment.

What Sacrifices?

THERE is a reasonable case for such a refund of tax if the industry could show that every reasonable step had been taken to meet the current economic problem and that it was insufficient to make film-producing a profitable business. But has that been done? Even a cursory examination will show that it has not. It will also show that insufficiency and selfishness still play too large a part in the film industry.

The Statistics

THE reason why City financiers shiver in and out of the industry with such amazing regularity is painfully evident when one looks at the statistics associated with the film "My Brother Jonathan".

Although it cost £100,000 to produce and took in £1,041,000 at the box-office—the second highest British earner last year—its producers had still lost £6,000 in the home market.

Where did the rest of the money go? The Government took £416,000; the exhibitors, £375,000; and the distributors, £57,000.

In other words, one of the most popular British films was unable, under present conditions, to make a profit in the country.

And yet our studios continue blissfully to spend £200,000 or more on pictures when the best statistics show they stand very little chance of getting that money back. What other business enterprise would waste time to manufacture an article which cost more than the public was willing to spend?

Now Axiomatic

THE equanimity—with which one branch of the industry watches its progeny being throttled is understandable when it is realised that the exhibitors and distributors would still make money if there were no British films at all. It is the Government, abolishing the present quota system and permitted them to show as many American films as they liked.

But before we shed too many tears for the poor film producer, let's see what he is doing to help himself.

It has now become axiomatic that only films that cost about £125,000 stand any reasonable chance of showing a profit in the home market.

Budget Pruning

HOW, then, can film budgets be pruned from £200,000 to this lower figure with no attendant loss in quality?

I suggest that if the following people co-operated in the following way cheaper pictures could be made, and that the consequent need for disciplined thinking and careful planning would probably make them better as well.

Producers—If a producer spends beyond his budget without a reasonable excuse, he should be sent packing to some other industry where they can afford inefficient planners. Studio overheads must be reduced, which means that rich executives with bloated salaries must realise that the golden-age jangling days are over.

Directors—Each day's shooting must be minutely planned before studio space is occupied, and severe penalties should be incurred for extravagant blunders entailing wasted sets and hunched hours. A director working on a small salary and receiving a share of the profits might well have the incentive needed to curtail valuable time spent in costly studios.

Actors—Champagne drinks out of golden slippers are out of fashion, my talented ones. And the threat that Hollywood may pay more money is also beginning to sound very hollow. You can count on the fingers of one hand the British stars Hollywood is panting to have and still play chopsticks on the piano with the fingers that are left. Actors must stop floating about on salaries anomalously £1 x £ d between £10,000 to £20,000 and come down to earth.

Script writers—A writer should be hired because of the work he does and not the name he has. Six writers on a script don't necessarily make a film six times better. And a £25 short story isn't worth £5,000 because it is being turned into celluloid.

Another Story

TRADE UNIONS—Restrictive practices and feather-bedding must be stopped. Go into any studio and you can scarcely push your way through the throng of chief electricians, electricians and sub-electricians each holding one lamp.

Jalous guarding of individual trades leading to unnecessary costs must be curtailed. As in other industries, the film trade unions must learn that more production means more employment of more wages.

Thus co-operation, good sense and small sacrifices all round could save the British film industry. But before everybody becomes too absorbed in all this complicated accountancy it might be a good idea if someone gave some thought to the problem of making good pictures as well as cheap ones. But that is another story.

The man with 87 children

DOCTORS making a study of multiple births have discovered that in Ireland and Russia twin births are more common than in France.

They now know, as a result of statistics collected from 21 countries, and based on a study of 121 million births, that:

Twins occur once in 83.2 cases.
Triplets occur once in 7,628.7 cases.
Quadruplets occur once in 679,734 cases.
Quintuplets occur once in 11,600,000 cases.

Giving this information in the Medical World, Mr Leslie W. Hafferman, F.R.C.S., adds that 48 cases of quintuplets have been recorded in medical history.

There is a case on record of a Negress on the Gold Coast, who, in 1903, had sextuplets, five boys and one girl. It was her fifth confinement.

At the first she had one baby, twins at the third, and triplets at the fourth. She thus had 19 children in five confinements.

An Italian woman is recorded as having given birth to 20 sons in two confinements—the first time nine, the second time 11.

The marriage of twins increases the likelihood of twins.

A father, as well as mother, can be responsible for twinning. A woman who invariably had twins married a second time to the death of her husband (who was himself a twin), and after that had only single babies.

A woman doctor, Mary Austin, who was married for 33

years, had 13 sets of twins and six sets of triplets: a total of 44 children.

Her sisters had 41 and 23 babies respectively.

A Russian peasant, Wasilef, married twice, had by his two wives 87 children. The first wife had four quadruplets, seven triplets, and 16 sets of twins.

The second wife had triplets twice and twins six times.

In 1753 a Russian, Kirilow, was presented to the Empress Catherine. It is recorded that he had 72 children by two wives.

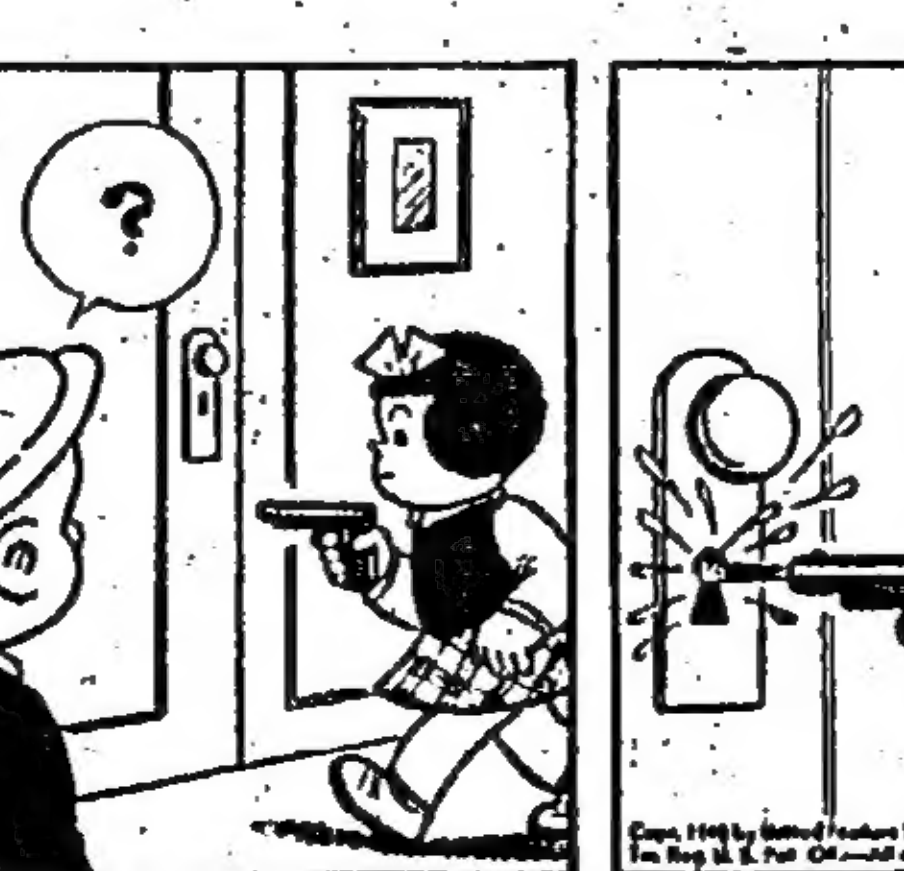
Then there is the famous case of the Parisian named Blunet, whose wife had seven sets of triplets one after the other. Her servant girl also had triplets, of which the husband was the father!

—Isolene Thompson

NANCY Getting an Earful



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THE PWD LARCENY TRIAL RESUMED

Estimate Of Cost Of Installations

Kwok Hop, Public Works Department electrician, gave evidence before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning on resumption of the PWD larceny trial in which Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector, grade 1, face three charges of theft by public servant and three of falsification of accounts with intent to defraud the Government.

Before the hearing began, his Lordship directed that May return to his place in the dock.

His Lordship said that he had given permission for May to sit at counsel's table only during the evidence and cross-examination of J. C. Brown, chief electrical and mechanical engineer of the PWD.

May is defended by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, while Kwok is not legally represented. The prosecution is conducted by Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr J. Johnston, ASP.

Kwok Hop testified that he was employed at the Hunging workshop and was a clansman of Kwok Kwong. In July last year he was asked to take a bill to a certain office in Prince's Building and to collect \$70, which he did, handing the money to Kwok Kwong. Witness said he went with Mr Johnston, of the Police, and pointed out two fluorescent lamp shades which he had put up there with Lal Kwun. When they went to the floor they waited until mid-day and when witness asked Kwok when they were waiting for he replied, "May".

Kwok Kwong: Are there such fluorescent lamp sets for sale in the shops?

Witness: Yes.

How much per set?—About twenty dollars.

Mr Clifford: Have you been engaged with Kwok Kwong on several private jobs?

Witness: Yes. I have done one private job for him at 24, Hun-kow Road, when some old wiring was replaced with new wiring and the old wiring was taken back to the stores.

You did that in Government time and got Government pay. Is that correct?—Yes.

And you did it for Kwok Kwong?—Yes.

With regard to this waiting of yours, you could not get on with the job until you had the lamps, could you?—Yes.

And you had to wait until there were assembled?—Yes.

And in fact when your relation left to collect these lamps he did not come back until he got them?—Yes.

Was that not the reason why you waited?—Yes.

Were you arrested by the Police and were you then questioned about this affair and did you tell them that you had to wait?—Yes.

At that time did you realise that your waiting was really for those lights?—It did not occur to me when I was making that statement to the Police that I was waiting for the assembling of the lamps.

I suggest you make up that statement about waiting for May.

His Lordship: First accused has not challenged that. He has let it go.

Mr Clifford: First accused does not know what he can challenge. His Lordship: I don't see how you can be in a position to

challenge that statement, Mr Clifford.

Mr Clifford: As your Lordship pleases, I won't pursue the point.

Mr Clifford (to witness): How long were you detained by the Police?

There was required to be put away from this job at Hun-kow Road did you also work at the CPA?

Kwok Kwong: Au Pui told me to go to work there.

Replying to Mr Hooton, witness said that he told the Police about the lamps two or three days after his release.

KWOK'S INSTRUCTION

Lal Kwun, PWD electrician, testified that in July, 1948, Kwok Kwong instructed electricians

Lee Cho, Ho Cheung, Ng Shu and Leung May to assemble two fluorescent lamps at the Hunging workshop.

The lamps were taken over to the first floor of Prince's Building, for House Street, and there were installed in an office in the cockpit by witness and Kwok Hop after Kwok Kwong had left the place.

Lal said he did no other job that day, but he was paid by the Government for that day.

H. L. W. Aitken, foreman of the electrical department of the Naval Dockyard, gave an estimate of the cost of labour and material used in electrical installations in the houses of Dr. Thomas at Pokfulam, the market at Tokwawan and the Lal-chikok Hospital.

He said he went with the Police and workmen to the property at Pokfulam in August, 1948. The installations were completed. The lighting cable was a new single cord of about 1,225 yards in all, and there were 49 light points. There were 200 power points and ten cable was used for power. Ten lbs of earth wire were used, besides ground cable.

The total cost of labour and material used amounted to \$1,210.16.

The electrical installations at the Tokwawan market were also partly complete in August, 1948. Witness went on to say, "The wiring was there, but not the fittings and the fuse gear."

There were 12 light points and the length of cable used was about 100 yards, costing \$40.40.

Witness: Two days.

In 12 overhead lights, four switches, a fuse gear and a main switch. To install these fittings would require not more than 12 man-days. For the work already done it would take about the same period. The total cost of material and labour was about \$205.70.

Aitken said that at the Lal-chikok Hospital in August, 1948 there were 125 light points which had been re-wired and six power points. The points had been done with 1,640 yards of twin cable costing \$602.50 and the newer with 200 yards of single cable costing \$151.60. The over-all cost for materials amounted to \$491.53.

The case is proceeding.

A Visitor To London



WELCOME—Sheila Bevan, station clerk at London Airport, greets a four-month-old panther cub on its arrival by British Overseas Airways Corporation from Bombay.

"I CAN DO NO MORE," BEVIN TELLS HOUSE

London, Mar. 2.—Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today that he could do no more than he had done concerning the arrest of the 15 Bulgarian Protestant pastors, now on trial in Sofia.

"I am continually protesting against this type of conduct," he said, answering a question from Mr Christopher Hollis, Conservative. Asked whether the latest reports did not suggest that the pastors had been subjected to physical ill-treatment, Mr Bevin said he did not know "how the operation worked."

Mr Edward Keeling, Conservative, stating that Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, recently sentenced to life imprisonment, had been "a long time in prison," asked if this was to go on indefinitely.

The same position applies to Archbishop Stepinatz of Yugoslavia, sentenced to 16 years' forced labour in 1946, he said.

"Do you suggest that we should declare war," Mr Bevin asked, "I am not going to do that."

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman said today that Mr Stanley George Burt Andrews, a former Vice Consul at Sofia, has strongly denied charges in the trial of the Bulgarian pastors that he had "contacts" of an espionage character.

Mid-East Alliance Reports Denied

London, Mar. 2.—Cairo reports that the United States had proposed a three-power alliance with Britain and Egypt were denied today by a Foreign Office spokesman.

"We have no knowledge of any such proposal," he said.

In diplomatic quarters here, the reports were considered highly improbable, since the United States Constitution prohibits her from taking part in foreign alliances. This provision can only be waived, diplomatic sources said, as in the case of the proposed Atlantic Pact, after the most delicate manoeuvres of internal politics.

Observers here said that any undercurrent of truth behind these alliance rumours from Cairo might be that unofficial feelers had been put out to revive negotiations for the revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Alliance.

Observers here said that though Britain and the United States might have discussed jointly whether circumstances were propitious for reopening negotiations to revise the Anglo-Egyptian Alliance, they considered it "out of the question" that the United States should be a party to such negotiations.—Reuter.

Now Ordnance Chief

London, Mar. 2.—Vice-Admiral Sir Harold Kinahan, aged 55, is to succeed Major General F. St. D. de laune as President of the Ordnance Board. It was officially announced today.—Reuter.

Sampan Robbery Recalled At Sessions

A robbery in British waters off Tai Mui, to the east of Colony, when a sailing sampan returning from Chinese territory with a cargo was stopped by another sampan containing armed men and plundered, was recalled before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Shek Yau, alias, Lo Seeling, alleged to be the master of the robbers' boat, appeared on trial on a charge of robbery by two or more.

He was alleged to have, in company with Lal Fuk, alias, Ng Lo Fuk, and others, not in custody, robbed Lai Chuen of 15 tins of peanut oil, 24 chickens, one pig, 30 bottles of rice and a basket of charcoal on November 14.

On November 14, charged with the same offence, Ng Kau-mui, wife of the accused, was this morning discharged by his Lordship when Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, who conducted the prosecution, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector Askew, told the court that the case was prepared to offer no evidence against her.

The jury empanelled comprised six men and a woman.

Mr Heenan said that the robbery occurred in British territorial waters off Tai Mui, where the temple was a well-known landmark. On the evening of November 13, Lai Chuen had taken on a cargo in Chinese territory with the object of bringing it to

KEPT IN CAVE

The next thing Lai felt was his sampan being run aground. He and his crew were taken off the sampan and up the hills to a cave, where they were confined for a day guarded by two armed men. At the end of that time Lai and his crew found they were no longer guarded. They left the cave, recovered their sampan and reported the incident to the Police.

It is the Crown's case that the accused was the master of the sampan which carried the robbers, Mr Heenan declared. "His story is that he was forced to do this by the actual robbers, but the Crown submission is that he was, if not the principal instigator, a willing accomplice in this affair."

On November 20, acting on information, the Police found a sampan lying in the Yau-mat typhoon shelter. The craft was identified by Lai as the one which carried the men who robbed his vessel.

The accused and another man were discovered on board the sampan, and taken into custody.

In connection with his plea that he was forced to sail his sampan under the direction of the other men, it is interesting to note that he made no attempt to report this to the Police after the robbery, and in fact evidence will be called to show he moved his sampan into Yau-mat shelter only when he learnt that the Police were making enquiries in relation to the robbery. Crown Counsel remarked.

"It is the Crown's submission that he moved his sampan with the object of hiding or escaping detection. That is not the action of an innocent man and it is submitted that he is as guilty as the original instigators of the robbery."

The trial is proceeding.

US Women Are Being "Ruined"

Sydney, Mar. 2.—American women "don't know they're alive," said Dr. Muriel McInnis on her return from a tour of Europe and the United States.

Dr. McInnis, a gynaecologist, said American women were being "ruined" by labour-saving devices. She cited dish-washing machines, rubbish disposal sinks and other gadgets.

"The Americans have everything," she said. "Some of their devices make me green with envy—but they don't know they're alive. They haven't enough to do."—United Press.

UK Floods Receding Snow Follows Severe Gales

London, Mar. 2.—Floods estimated to have caused £500,000 damage in Norfolk are receding, but they have been followed by snow.

Some parts of Northern England have had four inches of snow, but the Thames flood peril has eased and the river has returned to its normal level.

Europe is recovering from the effects of the storms of the past few days, but from Western Germany 24 deaths and 90 injuries have been reported.

Hail and snow fell in Paris today after a sunny morning. Southern France was swept by a "mistral," which reached 95 kilometres an hour.

Rome Radio reported tonight a day-long snowfall in Naples, accompanied by strong gales. Gales were also blowing in Bari and Foggia, in southern Italy, it said.

Reports from Cairo said a flying storm today stopped all landings at Farouk and El Maza airports on the fringe of the desert outside Cairo, upsetting airline schedules. Six people were reported dead in gale accidents in Belgium.—Reuter.

Three Workmen Dio In Fire

Rome, Mar. 2.—Three workmen were burned to death in a fire in a small Venice cinema last night, it was reported here today. Another workman was seriously injured when he jumped from the balcony to the floor of the cinema to escape the flames.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Mails Service by Air and Surface to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
Closing Times by Air

Kunming, Luchow, Amoy, Shanghai, Ningbo, Tientsin, Kowloon, Swatow and Tainan, 3.30 p.m.

Hankow, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Alexandria (Nairobi, Khartoum, Addis Ababa, and Mombasa via Alexandria) Home and London, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney & Auckland, 5 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

Salon and Paris, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Amoy, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
Closing Times by Air

Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).

Shanghai, Ningbo, Tientsin, Kowloon, Amoy and Tainan, 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Parcel Posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 9 a.m.

Swatow and Amoy, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Noon.

Hankow and Peking via Hiohio, 3 p.m.

Bangkok, 3 p.m.

Tainan via Canton, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
Closing Times by Air

Manila, 11.30 a.m.

Bangkok, 3 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Surat, Ceylon, India, Madagascar, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool, Noon.

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Plane's Lucky

Escape

New York, Mar. 2.—A Bom-

bay-bound DC-4 Skymaster,

with 33 people aboard, hit

ground wire installations, but

landed safely at Gander, New-

foundland, last night, the Trans-

Continental and Western Air-

lines said today.

The plane, with 24 passengers

and a crew of nine, was making

an instrument landing approach

to the field when it struck the

wires, the Company said. It had

left LaGuardia Field here yes-

terday afternoon.

Officials of the company said

that arrangements were being

made for the passengers to con-

tinue their trip.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"She'd be sorry she gave me the gate if I'd go and enlist in China—too tough, though, learning that crowly language!"

BADMINTON'S WIMBLEDON

Four Seeded Players Are Eliminated

London, Mar. 2.—The Malayan, Indian and American players dominated the opening stages of the Men's Singles in the All-England Badminton Championships which began at Harringay Arena here today.

It was a day of surprises for before the third round had been completed no less than four of the eight seeded players, including the Danish holder, Skaup, had been eliminated.

The Malaysians provided two of these upsets, Law Teik-hock, their No. 3 player in the Thomas Cup, beating Nils Jonson, the Swedish ace, in straight games and Lim Kee-fong accounting for Marten Mendez, the American No. 2, in a similar manner.

Dave Freeman, 28-year-old American doctor, justified his position as favourite for the title, beating his fellow American and doubles partner, Wynn Rogers, to reach the last 16 with a perfect exhibition. Freeman thus maintained his unbeaten record over the past ten years.

Freeman's compatriot, Carl Loveday, also gave a perfect display in beating Skaup in three games. Loveday clashes with Law Teik-hock in the quarter finals.

Wong Peng-soon, the Singapore champion, was not extended in either of his matches to reach the last eight, and was particularly impressive against the Danish Thomas Cup player, Preben Dabelsteen. His next opponent is India's star, D. Mohan Lal.

The third round will be completed tomorrow when Ooi Teik-hock, the Malayan champion, meets Ole Jensen, of Denmark; Lim Kee-fong, of Malaya, clashes with India's Thomas Cup captain, George Lewis, and H. Ferreira, of India, has the unenviable task of trying to end Dave Freeman's long run of victories.—Reuter.

VERNON MORGAN DISCUSSES FURTHER PROSPECTS

Too much store should not be put on the defeat of Wong Peng-soon by Freeman at Glasgow for the Singapore champion was not at his best that night, suffering from an injured right shoulder which prevented him from playing properly and generally hindered him.

Wong appears to have the harder task of reaching the semi-finals as he has the Indian Davinder Mohan in the same quarter.

The Women's Singles look certain to go to Denmark, either to the holder, left-handed Kirsten Thorndahl, or the blind Tony Ahn, who are in opposite halves of the draw.

The Men's Doubles on the form shown in Glasgow, and Preston in the Thomas Cup should go to Malaya through Chan Kon-jeong and Yeh Teich-eh, popularly known as "father and son" because they are the oldest and the youngest members of the Malayan Thomas Cup team.

The other strong pairs are the Americans Freeman and Wynn Rogers, and Loveday and Mendez, the Indians Davinder Mohan and Mugwa, the Danes Skaup and Preben Dabelsteen, and the Malayan second pair Ooi Teik-hock and Teoh Seng-koon. The two Malayan pairs who are in opposite halves of

the draw, may well meet in the final.

The Women's Doubles looks a good thing for the Danes Thorndahl and Ahn, who are playing together. If they win, as expected, they will win the trophy outright as they have taken the title the last two years.

The Mixed Doubles are very open but perhaps Chan Kon-jeong, who is partnered by Helen Leong, will win and take a second title. He is perhaps

Badminton League

Chung Wah beat St John's "B" by nine games to nil in a Men's Doubles "B" Division Badminton match played last night.

Results were: Sung Kin and Y. C. Lau (Chung Wah) beat Hefti and MacNay 21-17; beat Guttinger and Stephen 21-6; beat Hofer and Crabb 21-11.

Austin Ho and K. C. Wong (Chung Wah) beat Hefti and MacNay 21-4; beat Guttinger and Stephen 21-12; beat Hofer and Crabb 21-6.

C. F. Chiu and Leo Leong (Chung Wah) beat Hefti and MacNay 21-0; beat Guttinger and Stephen 21-1; beat Hofer and Crabb 21-5.

the most experienced mixed doubles player in the entry.

Their most formidable opponents may be the Americans, Clinton Stephens and his wife Patsy, holders of the American Mixed Doubles title. Another very strong pair will be Skaup and Kirsten Thorndahl.

At one time, Britain used to win every title. This year she will be lucky to get any player in the semi-finals although this is possible in the women's doubles, in which Mrs H. S. Uber and Queenie Allen have a good chance.

There has been demand for tickets for the finals on Saturday afternoon, although the semi-finals on Friday night look to be the titbit of the championships.—Reuter.

OLYMPIC VENUE

U.S. Senate

Backs Detroit

Washington, Mar. 2.—The Senate today passed a resolution urging the International Olympic Federation to hold the 1956 Games in Detroit.

The resolution had the support of the American athletic organizations.

The United States last played host to the Games in 1932 when they were held in Los Angeles. The International Olympic Committee will decide the venue of the 1956 Games when it meets in Rome next month.

Other cities expected to apply for the Games in that year include Melbourne, Buenos Aires, Rome and Lausanne.—Reuter.

British Games

London, Mar. 3.—Five nations have accepted invitations to compete in the British Games athletics at White City Stadium on June 6.

Visiting athletes will come from Belgium, Holland, France, Norway and the United States. Norway is taking the place of Sweden, which declined because of other engagements.—Associated Press.

Coaltown Equals World Record

Miami, Florida, Mar. 3.—The four-year-old colt, Coaltown, from the Calumet Farm stable, equalled the world record in winning a mile and one-furlong race here. His time was one minute 47 and three-fifths seconds.

Indian Broom set the record in 1936. The Australian imported horse, Shannon II, equalled the time last year. Coaltown was clocked in the final mile in one minute 34 and one-fifth seconds, a fifth of a second better than the world record shared by Equipose and Prevalicator.—Associated Press.

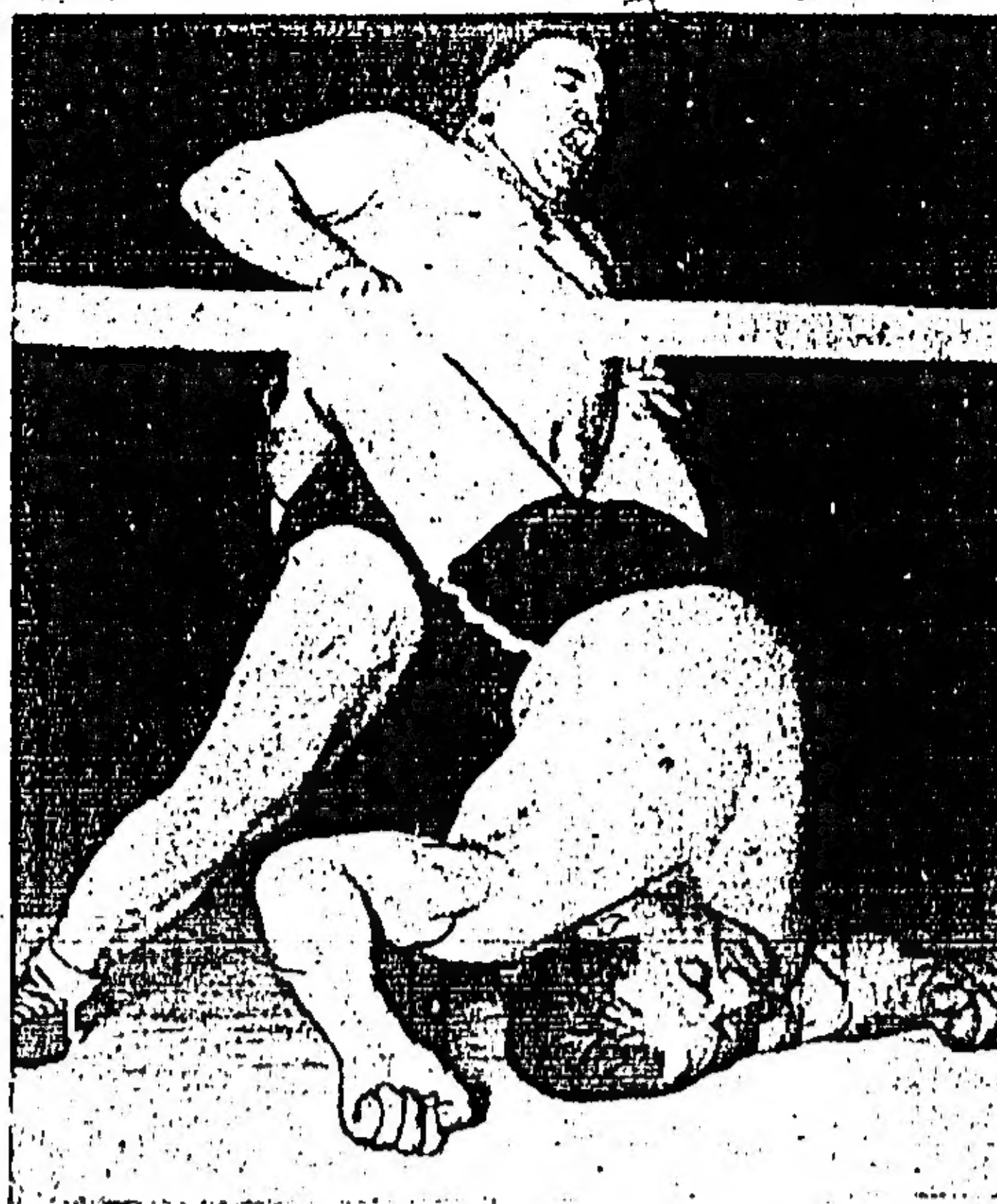
Club Soccer XI

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against C.A.A. at soccer at Boundary Street on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.—McKenzie, Taylor, Sloan, Barker, Locke, Urrahart, Young, Barker, Nelson, Hooper, Barker.

Mister Conquest



MR GRUNT & MR GROAN



Bert Assirati (standing) of England struggles to free himself from a leg scissors thrown on him by Charles Rigoulet of France, during a match in which Assirati successfully defended his title as champion of Europe. Assirati won two falls, each one with a double armlock. Rigoulet won this fall with his famous scissors hold.

Chess Club Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting of Members of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held this evening at 6.30 at the Peninsula Hotel to consider a redraft of certain sections of the Club Tournament Rules.

The redraft, passed by the Club Committee at its last meeting, largely concerns the re-introduction of chess clocks into the Tournament.

Clocks will be compulsory if either player engaged in a match game demands clocking of moves and can be dispensed with only by mutual agreement. The playing rate for tournaments will be 20 moves an hour.

The proposed new rules also include the introduction of a Tournament Committee to be appointed for the control of each Tournament.

This Committee will be responsible for the adjudication of all uncompleted games and it will have final decision on all questions in connection with the Tournament that are not covered by the rules.

The Club Committee's redraft does not specify what circumstances if any will be considered acceptable for a postponement and states that all games must be begun on the date set, unless otherwise agreed by the players concerned, such an agreement being invalid if the Hon. Secretary has not been notified of it. It is also ruled that games be completed on or before the sixth day after the date specified on the fixture list.

The Extraordinary General Meeting this evening will also consider the question of admitting children to membership under a Junior Membership scheme or whatever other scheme is acceptable to members.

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RAF Pair Brilliant But Unsteady

By "RECORDER"

The RAF pair, J. S. Belrine and A. J. Doyle, put up a match against Lee Chun-ki, last year's Doubles finalist, and Au Kam-moon yesterday in the first round of the Colony Open Grasscourt Doubles Championship at the HKCC that ran the whole gamut from brilliant strategy and spectacular killing to lapses into mediocrity.

There can be no doubt, even on the result of yesterday's match, which the RAF pair lost, that they are not far off being the best doubles combination in the Colony.

They twice were within match point and, though Doyle double-faulted twice at a critical moment, he showed up enough good tennis to suggest that the standard of the Far Eastern Command Tournament he won last year was not as low as some thought after seeing him eliminated in the first round of the Grasscourt Singles by Ho Ka-lau.

In one department, where his height helps him, he reigns supreme. I have to search my memory for recollection of anyone who can kill at the net with an accuracy that will bang down a sizzler nine times out of ten.

The game was one of the best seen in a long time with the Chinese pair holding on by sheer steadiness and guts to win through a match that went to 33 games.

Doyle and Belrine led 5-4 and 40-love in the last set. If they have been eliminated from the tournament, they were up against a combination that will go far.

THE RESULTS

Results were: L. F. Stokes and R. Segalen beat Daniel Chan and M. L. Chan, 6-2, 5-7.

J. L. C. Pearce and Fitzroy

Williams beat C. H. Wigglesworth and D. Nolan, 7-5, 6-0.

M. Heenan and M. W. Lo beat F. A. Fisher and Capt. R. W. Macreth, 6-0, 6-1.

N. Lo and D. Lo beat Albert Chan and Lawrence Chan, 7-5, 6-4.

Lee Boon-sing and T. T. Chen beat Peter M. F. U. and C. Lau, 6-1, 6-1.

Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-ki beat J. S. Belrine and A. J. Doyle, 6-1, 6-0, 7-5.

TODAY'S GAMES
HKCC Club Singles Championship

Court 1: W. G. D. Cooper vs. B. T. M. Jones.

Court 2: G. S. Coxhead vs. P. H. Hannam.

Court 3: A. Furrer vs. G. H. Wigglesworth.

Court 4: G. A. Lemay vs. Dr. H. Meyer.

Court 5: H. J. Armstrong vs. H. Segalen.

Court 6: J. D. Mackie vs. J. Barrow.

Umpires: L. F. Stokes, C. W. L. Way, J. Bradbury, J. B. Kite, and B. Deacon.

LOCAL GOLF

Mrs Haig Wins Ladies' Tourney

The final of the Ladies' Golf Championship played on the Old Course at Fanling on Tuesday was won by Mrs J. Haig by 3 and 1. Mrs Haig has played for Wales on several occasions. She was round in 85 and showed very good form particularly off the tees. Her opponent, Mrs S. Bone, is also a renowned player in the County Club and played a very nice game but failed to make use of the few opportunities given her. Bunkers were popular throughout the game and it was not a day for punts to drop.

The Bronze division final was also played and resulted in a win for Miss D.M. Cuthbertson who beat Mrs A.E. Lisaman by 2 and 1 after a four struggle.

YESTERDAY'S RUGBY

Singapore Service XV Win 8-5 In A Sporting Encounter

By "SIDELINER"

The Singapore Combined Services Rugby XV scored its second win yesterday at the Army Ground at Sookunpoo when it defeated the Hongkong Combined Services team by eight points (one goal and one try) to five (one goal).

The visitors, evidently recovered from their air trip on Sunday, put up a grand performance and threw their all into the match. They were superior in all departments of the game and gave a grand exhibition of teamwork.

The forwards played well in the open but were inclined to make little use of their feet in the clutches. Their backs were very quick off the mark once the ball came to them from the scrums and van de Mullen delighted the spectators with long kicks into touch whenever there was danger threatening. Stothard made several fine individual efforts and it was through one of these that Singapore scored the deciding try.

For the Hongkong Combined Services Tulp stood out head and shoulders above the others. His picking up of the ball from the feet of the opposing forwards and spirited individual efforts marked him as the man to watch and the Singapore players made no mistake about it.

U.S. Golfers Will Compete For \$225,200

Chicago, Mar. 2.—United States professional golfers will compete for US\$225,200 in prize money offered in 15 tournaments this Summer.

This is 10 tournaments less than last year. The reduction is due to the fact that the best players will be moving to England in the late Summer for the Ryder Cup matches and a shot at several big British tournaments.

The Summer schedule starts May 12 to 15 and concludes August 18 to 21 with the Grand Rapids Open.

Minimum prize money offered at any tournament is US\$10,000 for the United States and Canadian Open Championships. The U.S. open is June 9 to 11 and the Canadian June 22 to 25, to 25.

Biggest money offering is promoter George May's self-styled "World Championship" at Turn O'Shanter Country Club, Chicago. He pays out US\$35,200.—Associated Press.

GANDHI MEMORIAL

Gold Shower As W. Indies Declare At 288 For 10

Bombay, Mar. 2.—The West Indies batsman, Everton Weekes, who recently established a world-record by scoring five consecutive Test centuries, won a gold wrist watch here today for making 116 runs in a two-day Festival cricket match.

This was one of a number of prizes given by local cricket enthusiasts for individual feats in the 12-aside match between the West Indies and the Governor's XII in aid of the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund.

About 20,000 people saw some care-free cricket and the West Indies declared at 288 for ten wickets in their first innings.

In reply, the Indian team, led by the Governor of Bombay, had scored 137 for five wickets by the close of play.—Reuter.

FATHER OF JAPANESE BASEBALL DIES

Tokyo, March 2.—Isao Abe, 83, who introduced American baseball to the Japanese in the 1880s is dead. He learned the game while a student in the United States.—Associated Press.

CRICKET TEAMS

RECREIO 1ST XI

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio 1st XI, against the Indian Recreation XI, on Saturday at King's Park, Club, on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—A. M. Prata (Capt.), P. R. de A. Silva, Jr., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gosano, Dr. T. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, C. N. Gosano, A. R. Pereira, Jr., N. A. Beltrao, Dr. H. G. Zorio, E. M. L. Soares, Umpire, A. V. Gozalo.

RECREIO 2ND XI

The following will represent Club de Recreio 2nd XI in a League XI, against the Indian Recreation XI, on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—A. M. Prata (Capt.), P. R. de A. Silva, Jr., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gosano, Dr. T. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, C. N. Gosano, A. R. Pereira, Jr., N. A. Beltrao, Dr. H. G. Zorio, E. M. L. Soares, Umpire, A. V. Gozalo.

OPTIMISTS

The following will represent the HKCC "Optimists" in a League XI, against the Indian Recreation XI, on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—L. D. Kibbe (Capt.), M. M. Little, R. Oliver, S. P. Row, T. P. Mahon, R. W. Franklin, K. A. Miller, W. J. Slagter, M. Wood, A. B. Egan and P. Thorpe.

Hongkong Services attacked from the kick-off and after about ten minutes of play Pritchard went over for a try. Stovett split the posts for the conversion.

Undaunted by this early reverse, the Singaporeans attacked with kick and play remained at mid-field for a time. They then began to press and from a line-out Swaine gathered the ball and running through a broken field scored. Gloss converted.

Hongkong Services then began to roll down the field. Just as the movement began to get dangerous Baker intercepted a pass but failed to hold it. From the ensuing scrum, Stovett received the ball and after evading several tacklers kicked into touch at mid-field. Half-time came with no further score.

DOLBEAR SCORES

Two minutes after the resumption of the game Dolbear (Singapore) scooped up the ball from a scrum on the Hongkong 30-yard line and, after brilliantly evading Tulp, Swaine and Hicks, went over to score an individual try. Sabin failed to convert, the ball going wide of the posts.

Following the kick-off Singapore obtained the ball from the line-out and Churcher, gathering up a loose ball almost went over for a try being tackled by Richards two yards from the goal line. Hongkong Services, realising they were in a precarious position began to use their feet and dribbled the ball clear into the opposition's half. However van de Mullen punted the ball clear and soon afterwards the local team was forced to touch down.

Following up the clearing kick, the Hongkong Services invaded the enemy's territory, but they met with a stubborn defence. Tulp was prominent at this stage of the game.

Time and time again he would gather up the loose ball and try to break away.

On two occasions he nearly did but the fleet-footed Stothard managed to catch him before he was in the clear. One Tulp, following his own kick, ahead

gathered the ball but before he could get into stride van de Mullen forced him into touch.

PLUCKY

Towards the end of the game Sabin wrenched his ankle and had to leave the field. Five minutes later when his team was being hard-pressed he again entered the field of play amidst applause from the spectators for this display of pluck.

Two minutes from time Churcher (Singapore) also had to leave the field through an injury to his leg. However, the visitors hung grimly to their slender lead of three points and the first whistle came with no change in the score.

It was a great game and a sporting one. In the line-outs and in the scrums the visiting team were definitely superior. They used their feet seldom, if ever, but then their handling of the ball was clean and sure and the gathering up of the ball by their backs was effected without any untoward fumbling.

Undoubtedly the better team won. The game was ably refereed by Dr. Selby.

The visitors made two changes in their line-up from Monday when they played their first match, Stothard coming in for Graystone and Dolbear replacing Carpenter.

THE TEAMS

Singapore Combined Services: Van de Mullen; Stothard, Churcher, Maddison, Daly, Sykes, Edwards; Dolbear, Gibson, Slade, Sabin, Rowland-Price, Smith, Baker and Drew. Hongkong Combined Services: Richards; Tulp, Hankin, Pritchard, Swaine; Middleton, Kidd, Goss, Newton, McClement, Pappin, Dalgligh, Stovett, Murray and Milne.

Cambridge Beats RAF

London, Mar. 2.—The Cambridge University XV today defeated the Royal Air Force by 11 points to 8 in a rugby union game.—Reuter.

ARGUMENT REVIVED

NO SUCH THING AS A "TKO"

New York, Mar. 2.—The old argument of whether there is such a verdict as a "technical knockout" in boxing has been revived here. Nat Fleischer, editor of "The Ring" magazine, whose record books are the standard works on the sport in the United States, has deleted all references to a technical knockout in his 1949 edition.

"In these records," he writes in a foreword, "when a fighter has been stopped, whether by tossing in the sponge, through the action of a referee, because of injuries, or for any cause other than fouling," the editor has placed a "knockout" to the credit of the victor.

"Under the rules of boxing, when a boxer is halted, he loses by 'knockout'."

Fleischer does not offer a solution, however, to the problem of how the records would satisfactorily explain that a defeated boxer was a victim of misfortune rather than the receiver of a knockout punch. He says that the rules in the United States, where the libel laws are less strict, might claim that their professional standing had been impaired if they were reported as having been "knocked out" whereas in fact they were prevented by an accident from continuing a fight.

The case might be cited of a boxer who is ahead on points, suffering a cut eye in a collision and being prevented from continuing by the referee. Under Fleischer's ruling, such a boxer would be recorded as having been knocked out.

One of the boxer's just claims to proficiency might have been that he had never been knocked out. His record and his earnings might be impaired if he were reported as having suffered a knockout in such a fight.

An aversion to the old practice of reporting a technical knockout for any ending to a fight, other than a points verdict, a 10-count knockout or a foul, has been growing in the United States in recent years.

A suggestion has been made, however, that it would be fairer to employ initials such as "S.T." for "stopped by referee" to show that a boxer was injured and was unable to continue.—Reuter.

Ortiz Retains Bantam Title

New York, Mar. 2.—Manuel Ortiz, world bantamweight champion, retained his title in Honolulu last night when he out-pointed Dado Marino.

Ortiz had a slight weight advantage, with eight stone six pounds to eight stone four and a half, and though Marino was game he was out-classed.

They traded punches for most of the first nine rounds, but Ortiz set up a terrific attack from the tenth round, striving for a knockout.

The judges gave Ortiz ten rounds, Marino two, with three even.—Reuter.

Cordan To Retire

Casablanca, Mar. 2.—Marcel Cordan, world middleweight boxing champion, said in Tangier today that he intended to give up boxing at the end of the year.

He added that he would make a film with Adolphe Menjou in Italy in May.

Asked about a possible return match with Tony Zale, the American from whom he took the title, Cordan said that he did not think Zale would miss the chance to earn \$50,000.—Reuter.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Careless Play Sets
This 3 N-T. Bid

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

EACH year many people throughout the United States work with me on various club welfare activities.

Mrs. McLean has dedicated her 3,000-acre estate to the care of orphans from overseas and the establishment of a rest-cure sanatorium for children with rheumatic fever.

I think you will agree that the careless dealer in today's hand gave a present to his

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opponents when he failed to make his contract. You might have played the hand at four hearts, and that I would not criticize. But South's contract was three no trump, and why he had to blow the hand is the mystery.

The opening lead of the five of diamonds was won in dummy with the queen. A small club was led, declarer won with the ace, led the deuce of hearts and put on the jack from dummy. East won the trick with the ace and returned a diamond, South's ace winning.

Now declarer led the nine of hearts. West did not cover, so declarer went up with dummy's queen, and when East showed out, there was nothing he could do about setting the heart suit.

Declarer's mistake was made on the first heart play. He should have led the nine, not the deuce. He would still go up with the jack from dummy and East's ace would win. The next time he should play the eight of hearts. Naturally West will not cover, and this trick should be won with the queen. Now South should come back to his hand and lead the deuce of hearts, forcing the seven-spot. Thus he picks up the whole heart suit, making four heart tricks, one spade, two diamonds and two clubs, nine in all.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Brazil, South America. 2. Marie Antoinette. 3. The Venus fly trap, an insectivorous plant. 4. Ermine. 5. Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. 6. "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens.

CROSSWORD

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5. End that may be given at the end. (3)
6. and 10. Law factors. (10)
7. Home. (3)
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9. Born. (4)
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11. Initially swallowed up by British. (10)
12. It may bring you a scratch. (4)
13. 7 Down. (10)
14. Stretch. (10)
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3. The art of making. (4)
4. Vulgarly it is not in one word. (4)
5. and 25. This sort of pair would not win the diamond trick. (11)
6. The sort of one I'm on. (7)
7. I'd follow this in a frightened manner. (3)
8. See 11 Across.
9. A near background? (5)
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Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the second largest country in the Western Hemisphere.
2. Who was queen of France at the time of the French Revolution?
3. What is the Dionaea? Give its more common name.
4. What fur is provided by the weasel?
5. Between what lakes does Niagara Falls lie?
6. In what novel is "Bill Sykes" a character?

(Answers in Column 1)

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By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the hair and about ankles, were just about to go to sleep in the corner of their playroom, when they heard a sound coming from the Mother Goose Book in the bookcase on the other side of room. The next moment, a small figure in a white nightgown and a white cap, carrying a bucket of water came walking over to them. Knarf and Hanid recognised their friend Simple Simon.

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"But none of them is really foolish," Hanid finally said. "Not even you, Simon. You're all so sweet and funny and pleasant that no one minds whatever you do."

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BRONCHO BILL

Squatting Danger



RECORDED MUSIC

THE "NAME" DUET IS THE LATEST CRAZE

By DAVID C. WHITNEY

THE flood of new popular singles since the lifting of the U.S. record ban continues. The latest craze of the record muckers seems to be the "name" duet. Each company has launched several boy-girl combinations who are making the most tuneful numbers in several years.

Capitol has teamed its stars Jack Smith and Margaret Whiting to perform that clever piece from the musical "Where's Charley?" — "Make a Miracle" and back it with "Frankie and Johnnie." The same company teams Jo Stafford and Gordon MacRae on "The Pussy Cat Song" and "I'll Stride Along With You," and Andy and Della Russell with "Is It Yes?" and "Rosita and Joe."

In this duet race, Columbia offers Doris Day and Buddy Clark, who may be credited with starting the craze. This team's latest is a tuneful round, "If You Will Marry Me" coupled with "You Was." Columbia also has the new duo of Janette Davis and Jerry Wayne on two songs from "Is It Yes?" and "Bounce-y, Bounce-y, Bounce-y" and "Merry-Go-Round Polka."

(Tomorrow—UNUSUAL ANGLES.)

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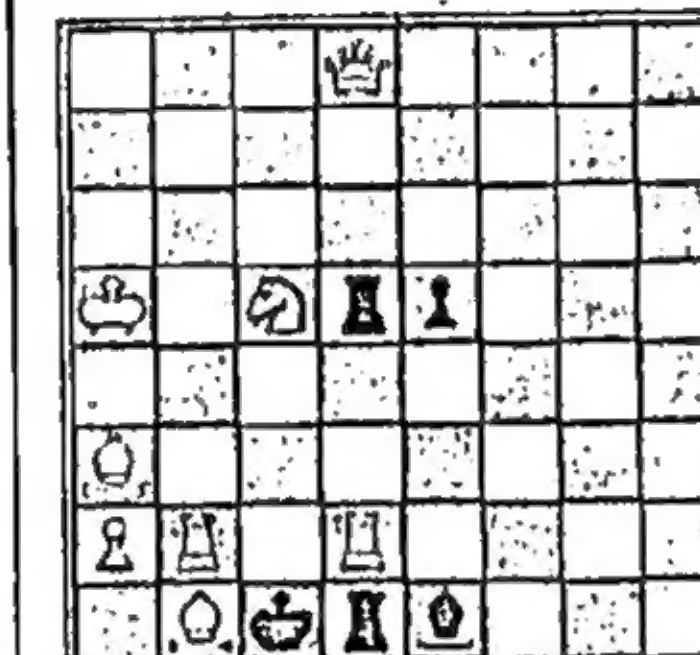
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CHESS PROBLEM

By J. R. FLEUSS
Black, 5 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.
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New Approach To Asia Problems

Commonwealth Govts Plan To Check Communism

Barcelona Crime Wave

Barcelona, Mar. 2.—The crime wave in Barcelona, which intensified in the last two weeks, continued today when shots fired from a truck hit Manuel Pinol, physical educator for the Falange youth organisations.

Pinol and an assistant were riding in a private car when the truck approached. He was seriously wounded, and his chauffeur, Antonio Norte, was killed outright.

The assailants made a successful escape.—United Press.

8 Charged With Espionage

Paris, Mar. 2.—Formal charges of espionage have been preferred against eight of the 28 persons arrested in the French Communist spy hunt, Jules Moch, Minister of the Interior, said today.

M. Moch made the statement, according to well informed sources, before a meeting of the Council of Ministers presided over by President Vincent Auriol.

Last night, security police said that six Communists, two of them, French army officers, had been arrested for giving military secrets to a foreign power. It is generally believed the power is either Poland or Yugoslavia.

The Council adopted a motion to create a territorial legislature in Cochinchina. This is part of the programme to end the war in Indo-China by returning Bao Dai to his throne as a constitutional monarch.

A French news dispatch from Saigon today said that Tran Dinh, a brother of one of Bao Dai's advisers, and Cao Hui Thuong, President of the Nationalist Buddhist Party, were murdered by members of the Viet Minh.

MOTION DEFEATED.
The Cabinet will meet again tonight under Premier Henri Queuille to take up matters dealing with military expenditures.

A motion before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly to invite President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin to confer in Paris failed to pass.

The two Communist members of the Commission said the French Government was "already committed to support one of the powers."

A substitute measure presented by former Cabinet Ministers Georges Bidault and Rene Mayer was adopted involving "all interested countries" to send representatives to Paris "in a major effort for peace."

It now goes to the Assembly for approval.

London, Mar. 2.—The Commonwealth Governments plan to make a "new approach" to problems in Southeast Asia in an attempt to check the spread of Communism.

A high Commonwealth Government source said today that a decision to reach an "understanding with genuine nationalists" was the main outcome of the New Delhi conference on Burma last Monday.

Government sources said, "Australia and New Zealand participated in this conference and the Asian conference. Both meetings emphasised claims by Asiatic countries to settle affairs in their own continent and made it clear there should be unified Commonwealth policy concerning genuine nationalism as defined separately from Communism."

They said the formulation of such a policy would be discussed at the projected Commonwealth meeting, either at Ottawa or Columbia, later this year.

"The United Kingdom Government would certainly consider such proposals with a genuine desire to bring them to fruition, but at the moment it is a question of policy to decide whether special arrangements could or should be made," said the sources.

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POCKET CARTOON



More U.S. Troops For Japan

20,000 INCREASE REPORTED

Washington, Mar. 2.—The United Press learned today that the United States troop strength in Japan will be increased by approximately 20,000 men in the fiscal year of 1950. The Army declined to disclose the actual troop dispositions in the Far East command. However, it was believed that they planned to be between 95,000 and 100,000 next year as compared to between 75,000 and 80,000 at the end of 1948.

This information was contrary to reports (not carried by the United Press) that the United States troop strength in Japan was being materially reduced.

At a recent press conference and briefing in the Pentagon, Army officials disclosed that the Far East Command proposed troop strength for the fiscal year of 1950 would be 127,000 as compared to 120,000.

However, because of some reductions in the strength of other Allied forces the occupying strength would be kept at the same level as troops within the Far East Command to Japan's advantage. The Far East Command includes the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Korea. For practical purposes, Japan and Okinawa are under the same command.

TWO CLASSIFICATIONS
Although the Army thus far has declined to disclose the actual troop dispositions by location within the command, they have disclosed their composition. Technically there are two general classifications of units in the United States Army:

1. The "table of organization and equipment";
2. The "table of distribution and allowances."

For purposes of brevity, the first is designated as "TO & E," while the second is "TD & A."

The Army said the "TO & A" units are tailored by the government for specific tasks to be performed, such as military government units in Germany and Japan, war crimes units and military missions. The tables of distribution are revised immediately by local commanders to reflect a change in strength and composition of these units.

The proposed strength of the Far East Command in fiscal 1950 is 112,000 or 88 percent in "TO & E" while 15,000 are in "TD & A" units.

DIFFERENCE EXPLAINED
In Germany 72 percent of the occupation forces are "TO & E" units. The Army said this difference was because General MacArthur had to retain a "tactical" organization, including the maximum number of combat units, whereas General Lucius D. Clay in Germany "did not have a tactical mission until much later" and thus recommended the use of units tailored to perform specific jobs. Since the tactical mission was assigned to him, General Clay has converted some of his personnel in "TO & A" units to "TO & E" combat units.

A reliable foreign source said the National Defence Department has informed British Commonwealth officials of the "troop dispositions for the next fiscal year."

He said the fact that General MacArthur will have four combat divisions up to full strength and in fighting condition under his command should fully counteract reports that the United States is reducing its garrison in Japan.—United Press.

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French Blockade Prevents Indo-China Rice Shipments

Future Exports Uncertain

Saigon, Mar. 2.—Indo-China's rice shipments in early 1949 to hungry Asia depend on French military leaders who for the past month have stopped all rice shipments from one of Southern Indo-China's chief rice granaries.

This is the Trans-Bassac section, at the southern tip of Indo-China. Throughout its rice fields are numerous guerillas of the Communist-led Viet Minh forces fighting the French. From farmers and traders shipping rice to the mills outside Saigon the Viet Minh has exacted millions of piastres in duty.

Since mid-January the French have sought to deny this revenue to their opponents. They ordered all rice shipments from the area halted. They threw a cordon of troops and naval units around the section. They hope the Viet Minh will be forced, through lack of funds and opposition from farmers to leave the area for sections where French troops can more easily get at them.

French authorities figure that the rice will reach the world market eventually, after the blockade is lifted. But so far they will promise no shipments during March.

GOOD CROP READY
Similarly they make no prediction of Indo-China's possible rice contributions to the world during 1949. Shipments in 1948 totalled about 200,000 tons, more than 1947, but a lot less than the pre-war year's average export of 1,500,000 tons.

With war continuing throughout the country and with guerillas exacting tribute from rice shipments and sinking many loaded barges, French economic officials say the export is dependent on the political situation.

They do say that the rice crop now in the fields and due for harvesting in about six weeks is a "very good one," a political solution is reached, they report, Indo-China should be able to add much rice to the world market.—Associated Press.

ROTTING STOCKS
Bangkok, Mar. 2.—Large rice stocks at Burma's rice port of Bussan are rotting and exposed to rotting, according to trade sources here.

They say 14 out of the 15 rice-producing districts of Burma are people, predominantly by the Kachins, who are now fighting the government for a separate state of their own.

The Burmese government is asking shipping companies to ask Bussan to collect rice stocks earmarked for export overseas, according to shipping sources.

The companies are said to have asked the government for guarantees of safe conduct or payment of compensation in event of damage to the ships and injury to personnel.—Associated Press.

CHANGES IN MIND
No minister is being abruptly shunted out of the Cabinet. Mr. Truman had some changes in mind when he returned to office as President in his own right. His intention was to work them out gradually. Both Mr. Forrestal and Mr. Royall were expected to depart here, and perhaps about the same time.

There has been only one top-level Cabinet change since the election, but there have been several in lower echelons. Most recent was the resignation of Under-Secretary of the Army, William H. Draper, Jr. The top-level change was Dean Acheson for Secretary of State, George Marshall.

President Truman indicated his Cabinet "adjustment" plans early last December at a press conference. When he announced that all hands had agreed to remain on the job, he reminded questioners he had been pressed on the same subject when he succeeded Franklin D. Roosevelt in April, 1945, and that the Cabinet situation had adjusted itself.—United Press.

Fatal Cliff Fall
Naples, Mar. 2.—The Naples police said today that Dr. Nicolaj Poljatsky, 25-year-old secretary at the local Russian Consulate, found dead, on the shore on Sunday night, fell accidentally from a 200-metre cliff.

He was posing for his photograph at the time, they added. A strolling photographer, who had been held for questioning, was released today.—Reuter.

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